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## **New Bankruptcy Judge Appointed to the United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of North Carolina**

The United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit has appointed Stephani W. Humrickhouse as the new United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Judge Humrickhouse will replace Judge A. Thomas Small and be stationed in Raleigh, North Carolina. Judge Humrickhouse took the oath of office in a Special Ceremonial Session of Court on January 6, 2010. A formal investiture will be held in the near future.

Judge Humrickhouse was born in Monticello, New York. She attended Cornell University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial and Labor Relations and received her law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Prior to her appointment, Judge Humrickhouse worked as an attorney (principal) with the law firm of Nicholls & Crampton, P.A. in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Judge Humrickhouse has vast experience in the areas of civil corporate litigation and debtor/creditor rights. She is certified as a Bankruptcy Law Specialist by the North Carolina State Bar and as a Business Bankruptcy Specialist by the American Board of Specialization. She has been a frequent lecturer on bankruptcy and bankruptcy related topics, served as Chair of the North Carolina Bar Association Bankruptcy Section, and has served as Chair of the Attorney Advisory Group and Local Rules Committee for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Judge Humrickhouse and husband, Scott Humrickhouse reside in Raleigh.